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1 The Applicant's representative spoke briefly with the Examiner by
2 telephone in this regard on November 2, 2006. During that conversation, the
3 Examiner agreed to consider the amended claims provided herein and to offer
4 suggestions and/or Examiner's amendments to overcome the rejection. Therefore,
5 the Applicant does not further address the § 112 rejections herein in anticipation of
6 the Examiner's input.

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8 **§ 103 Rejections**

9 Claims 1-2, 5, 24-25, 28, 46, 49 and 54 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §
10 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,963,940 ("Liddy"), in view of
11 U.S. Patent No. 6,832,218 ("Emens").

12 Claims 3, 26 and 47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being
13 unpatentable over Liddy in view of Emens, in further view of U.S. Patent No.
14 5,999,942 ("Talati").

15 Claims 4, 27 and 48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being
16 unpatentable over Liddy in view of Emens, in further view of U.S. Patent No.
17 6,895,552 ("Balabanovic").

18 Claims 6-7, 29-30 and 50-51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being
19 unpatentable over Liddy in view of Emens, in further view of U.S. Patent No.
20 6,480,843 ("Li").

21 Claims 8, 31 and 52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being
22 unpatentable over Liddy in view of Emens, in further view of U.S. Patent No.
23 5,682,539 ("Conrad").

24 Claims 9, 32 and 53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being
25 unpatentable over Liddy in view of Emens, in further view of U.S. Patent No.

1 6,366,908 ("Chong").

2 Claims 1-2, 5, 24-25, 28, 46, 49 and 54 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §
3 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,873,076 ("Barr"), in view of
4 Liddy and Emens. Applicant believes in good faith that this rejection was cited
5 under § 102(b) in error and that rejection under § 103(a) was the true intent of the
6 Examiner (page 14 of Office action).

7 Claims 3, 26 and 37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being
8 unpatentable over Barr in view of Liddy and Emens, in further view of Talati.

9 Claims 4, 27 and 48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being
10 unpatentable over Barr in view of Liddy and Emens, in further view of
11 Balabanovic.

12 Claims 6-7, 29-30 and 50-51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being
13 unpatentable over Barr in view of Liddy and Emens, in further view of Li.

14 Claims 8, 31 and 52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being
15 unpatentable over Barr in view of Liddy and Emens, in further view of Conrad.

16 Claims 9, 32 and 53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being
17 unpatentable over Barr in view of Liddy and Emens, in further view of Chong.

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19 **Further Remarks**

20 Claims 1-9, 29-30 and 46-54 have been cancelled as of this Response.
21 Therefore, the respective § 112 and § 103 rejections of claims 1-9, 29-30 and 46-
22 54 are believed moot. Furthermore, the Applicant believes that the § 103 rejection
23 of claims 24-28 and 31-32 are moot in view of the respective amendments
24 provided above.
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1 New claims 87-100 have been added as provided above. In particular, new
2 independent claim 87 is directed to a computer-implemented method, while new
3 independent claim 94 is directed to a system. New independent claims 87 and 94
4 recite respective subject matter in direct correspondence to that of independent
5 claim 24, as amended. New claims 88-93 and 95-100 depend from new
6 independent claims 87 and 94, respectively.

7 In view of the amendments to the claims, and in further view of the
8 telephonic interviews with the Examiner as cited above, the Applicant believes
9 that all pending claims 24-32 and 87-100 are allowable and respectfully requests
10 that the Application be forwarded on to issuance.

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12 **Conclusion**

13 The pending claims are in condition for allowance and action to that end is
14 respectfully requested. Should any issue remain that prevents allowance of the
15 application, the Office is encouraged to contact the undersigned prior or issuance
16 of a subsequent Office action.

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18 Respectfully submitted,

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